

It was of course a very important question, and the members of the House of Representatives were very much interested in it. The question was whether the House should pass a resolution in favour of the Government's proposal, or whether it should pass a resolution in favour of the Opposition. The House was divided on the question, and the Government's proposal was defeated. The Opposition's proposal was passed by a majority of one vote.

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CABLEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

FREE EDUCATION IN ENGLAND.
LONDON, May 26.
The Standard states that an impression is gaining ground that it will be impossible to pass a measure of free education during the present session.

STRIKE OF OMBUS DRIVERS IN PARIS.
LONDON, May 26.
Street traffic in Paris is almost paralysed owing to a strike of omnibus drivers.

THE NATIONAL MILITARY TOURNAMENT.
LONDON, May 26.
The series of competitions at the National Military Tournament has begun. The military authorities are showing great attention to the Victorian mounted rifle-men, and the press is also very favourable on the subject of their visit.

THE CZAREWICH'S TOUR.
LONDON, May 26.
The Grand Duke Nicholas, Czarowitch, returns to Russia through Siberia. In order to mark the event the sentence of the better-behaved convicts will be reduced by one-third, and those of life convicts will be reduced to 20 years.

THE JEWS' SETTLEMENT.
LONDON, May 26.
The committee organised by Baron Hirsch to secure an amelioration in the condition of the Russian Jews is making arrangements for the purchase of 5,000,000 acres in the Argentine Republic, and for aiding destitute Jews to emigrate from German ports to that country.

CHINESE ATTACK ON A MISSION STATION.
LONDON, May 26.
The Chinese have made an attack on the Christian mission at Nankin, and pillaged the station.

MISS ELISIE STANLEY HALL.
LONDON, May 26.
The Times, in commenting on the pianoforte playing of Miss Elsie Stanley Hall, the young Australian pianist, at the annual concert given by the pupils of the High School at Kensington, states that her exceptional execution gives her a high place in the ranks of professional pianists.

A VICTORIAN MEDICAL STUDENT.
LONDON, May 26.
Mr. Frank Langlands, of Victoria, has passed the primary examination for a fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES.
LONDON, May 26.
The Legislative Assembly of Newfoundland has passed, by a large majority, the second reading of the bill dealing with the French fishery claims in Newfoundland waters. The further progress of the bill has been deferred at the request of the Premier, Sir William Whiteway, and the other delegates to London, who are dissatisfied with the action of the Home Government in pressing the Imperial measure.

THE MANUPUR DISASTER.
LONDON, May 26.
The murderer of Mr. Grimwood, British Resident at Manipur, one of the victims of the late massacre by the rebel Manipuris, has been executed for the crime.

THE EXPULSION OF EX-QUEEN NATALIE.
LONDON, May 26.
Ex-Queen Natalie of Serbia, is now at Odessa, in the South of Russia.

LORD SHEFFIELD'S CRICKET TEAM.
LONDON, May 26.
It is officially notified that Lord Sheffield has arranged to take out to Australia a team of English cricketers at the end of the present season. W. G. Grace, Lohmann, Briggs, Peel, and Attewell have definitely decided to join the team.

THE ENGLISH DERBY.
LONDON, May 26.
The following is the latest betting for the Derby:—6 to 5, Common, 7 to 1, The Deemster, 10 to 1, Orion, 10 to 1, Gouverneur, 10 to 1, Old Odds.

FORTIFICATIONS AT ALBANY.
PERTH, Thursday.
Mr. J. Blackburn, engineer for the Victorian defence works, who has been appointed to construct the fortifications at Albany, arrived by the R.M.S. Orkla. He states that he has received the plans of the fortifications, and is now at work on the construction of the fortifications and other works. These comprise two batteries of three 6-inch guns for Point King, on the Albany side of the entrance to the Princess Royal Harbour, and two batteries of three 6-inch guns for Point Ledge, on the Albany side of the entrance to the Princess Royal Harbour. The fortifications will be at a distance of 300 yds. from the shore, and the guns will be mounted on a platform of concrete.

GAS EXPLOSION AT HOBART.
LAUNCESTON, Thursday.
Mr. Miller's building at the corner of Murray and Liverpool streets, Hobart, had a narrow escape from destruction after yesterday morning. Mr. W. B. Scott, who occupies an office on the second floor, entered the room, and found that it was full of gas. He struck a match, and a heavy explosion followed. It dashed Mr. Scott against a wall, and enveloped the office in flames, which, however, were quickly extinguished by the police. The walls were cracked as the result of the explosion. The building was just completed, and was the finest in the colony. Mr. Scott escaped without serious injury.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.
LOUTH, Thursday.
One thousand and seven hundred sheep from Mount Grenfell for Mount Pater, Louth, are in charge.

GREAT BRITAIN AND PORTUGAL.

(BY CABLE.)

THE CONFLICT IN SOUTH-EAST AFRICA.
LONDON, May 26.
Further particulars have been received of the attack by Portuguese in South-East Africa upon a British expedition. It is believed that a force of police, acting under orders from Mr. H. H. Johnston, C.B., Imperial Commissioner for Northern Rhodesia, was escorting the expedition to the Mashona plateau when the expedition was attacked by a strong body of Portuguese within the territory of the British South Africa Company.

The London press, in commenting upon the incident, is willing to await the discussion on Anglo-Portuguese affairs in the Cortes, on the 30th instant, before expressing any opinion upon the subject.

The above appeared in a portion of yesterday's issue.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.
LONDON, May 26.
The Portuguese Governor of Mozambique has reported to his Government that the British South Africa Company's people attacked the Portuguese in the neighbourhood of Masiseke. General fighting ensued, and lasted for some hours, with the result that several persons on both sides were killed.

Another report emanating from Delagoa Bay states that the Portuguese had arrived within 20 yards of Fort Salisbury when the British force there fired upon the Portuguese, and killed seven and wounded 20.

Lord Randolph Churchill, who is travelling in the territories of the British Company, telegraphed to England that he had been informed that the Portuguese were marching on Umotema.

The accounts of the collision between the British and Portuguese which have reached London are obscure. The Times states that the Portuguese attacked the British South Africa Company's police at Umotema's Akala. The Portuguese were repulsed, and retreated to the Pangwe River, where they came into collision with Consul Johnston's pioneer expedition to the Mashona plateau.

The Portuguese report that 17 of their number were killed in the encounter.

AFRICAN NATIVE STATES.
LONDON, May 26.
The envoys despatched to England by Gungunhana, a prominent chief in the disputed area of South-Eastern Africa, have arrived and formally tendered their chief's allegiance to Great Britain.

It is expected that Lord Salisbury will decline this offer, preferring to treat with Portugal as to the suzerainty of the region occupied by Gungunhana.

THE LOSS OF THE CRAIGRUIN.
PERTH, Thursday.
The investigation by the Marine Court of Inquiry into the loss of the Craigrain was concluded today, when the remaining witnesses were examined, and speeches in defence of the pilot and the captain were delivered by Messrs. Stewart and Craker. Mr. Stewart urged that it was not incumbent on the pilot either by law or custom to see that the hawser was properly made fast to the ship, and that the pilot was not responsible for the accident.

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THE MIDLAND RAILWAY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
PERTH, Thursday.
A dispute has arisen between the Government and the Midland Railway Company in regard to the delimitation area of the selection land. The Midland Railway Company claims that the selection land is a part of the railway reserve, and that the railway reserve is a part of the railway reserve.

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INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

VICTORIA.
MELBOURNE, Thursday.
The Countess of Hopetoun returned to Melbourne, from her visit to England, by the Adelaide.

A board was constituted to-day by the Governor in Council to inquire into the conduct of the Queensland Police Force, and the conduct of the Queensland Police Force.

The Government of New Zealand has called to the Postmaster-General stating that it is proposed to introduce the penny postage in that colony, and asking if Victoria will join them in having a penny postage between the two colonies. Mr. Duffy has not yet replied.

At the Treasury buildings to-day, the Governor presented the certificate for the grand prize awarded to exhibitors at the Paris Exhibition. The certificate was then presented to the Mining Department for mineral exhibition, the Exhibition Commission, and the Exhibition Commission.

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and scored second try for Cooverul, who, shortly after time was called, and Heleburya Rovers played on. Ministry, and the game ended in a win for the 1-0. For the Jokers, Harris, and Forrier played well, and the Parked together all through the game. In capital entertainment was provided for the Faragoa Hotel by Mr. George.

RELLEY TENNIS CLUB.
Tennis was played at Windsor on Queen's lawn the local club and the Lorely team, winning easily by 15 sets 97 games to 1. The visiting team were very hospitably the Windsor club, and spent an exceedingly.

WINDSOR.
Robert V. Fielding and Young, 6-4, 6-0.

BOWLING.

The City Bowling Club was the scene of three rinks yesterday between the seniors and the newly-formed Newcastle club. The Newcastle players by a score of 6-0 won the first game. In the second game the Newcastle were leading, but the superior play of the City bowlers at the finish. The Newcastle

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No. 4 Rank J. Bursz, J. A. Brodie, B.
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 (captain), 3d. No. 4 Rank
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 Williams, H. B. Rudi (captain), 2d. No.
 4 Rank, C. Wagner, C. Fraser, J. d.
 No. 4 Rank C. H. Alt, W. R. Burnard,
 J. Thompson (captain), 3d. No. 4 Rank
 Little, J. Ingles, T. B. Rohn (captain), 1.
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PEDESTRIANISM.
 Towards Professional Handicap
 enough to-night, when nominations close
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 the Marietteville 26th Nursery Meeting,
 Saturday, close to-night at Warner Bros.
 ridge Nursery Bureau races will be run
 (the distance is for 100 yards,
 about 33.33s. high. Entries close

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CONSOLATION HANDICAP.
and the winners were: T. Elliott, 121 yards;
E. Lousurey, 121; J. Nash, 12; H. Harroby, 12.
The consolation event was a 100 yds. race,
and there were taken for the final, and they were
E. Elliott, and Kacy. The final resulted as
E. Elliott, 121 yards; T. Elliott, 121 yards; J.
Nash, 12; C. A. Murray, 12 yards.

SWIMMING.
The meeting for the season of the Waverley
Club was held on Friday night at Lovett's
baths. After the business of the evening
closed, the members availed them-
selves of the opportunity of presenting the honorary
cup, bearing a handsome marble clock with gold
case, bearing a silver shield with the fol-
lowing inscription: "Waverley Club, 1891-1892."

CYCLING.
Some of the Speedwell Bicycle Club have made pneumatic-tired roadsters, 50 pneumatic-tired racers, 75 yards in each

ZOOLOGICAL REPORTS.

SYDNEY OBSERVATORY.

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73.30	0	Mungah	b	70 54	Q
67.48	0	Murrumbidgee	b	72 81	Q
66.46	0	Murray	b	69 44	Q
56.34	0	Muswellbrook	b	68 37	Q
67.64	0	Narrabri	b	70 41	Q
67.46	0	Newcastle	b	65 31	Q
64.95	2	New Orange	b	62 81	Q
67.45	0	Pictou	b	68 96	Q
59.92	0	Port Macquarie	b	70	Q
67.46	0	Port Stephens	b	69 47	Q
72.53	0	Queensberry	b	70	Q
64.48	0	Quemana	b	71 49	Q
67.46	0	Roma	b	69 44	Q
74.44	0	Singleton	f	69 45	Q
70.25	0	Sydney	b	68 51	Q

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Strains.—Fine throughout and generally dense fog.
Clouds.—Generally; showery along the coast.
Rain.—Fine and pleasant; calm and light breeze.
Southern Australia.—Fine generally.
Tasmania.—Cloudy in S.W.; fine elsewhere.
New Zealand.—Generally; few clouds in north.
Fine throughout.

POLYMER.

Winds.—Calm and light variable winds; with
generally.—H. C. RUSSELL. Victoria. One
northerly wind. H. F. J. REEVE. South
western N.E. to N. winds; tending to be-
come light.—C. TOWN.

AT FALLER IS PARVOSIN 24 HOURS.
Wind.—Light to heavy to north coast.
Light along the coast and at isolated places

S.P.M. OBSERVATIONS.
San Francisco, Cal., 61° Fort Macquarie, S.E. Asia,
and

ter, 85; Clarence Hilde, N. cloudy, 67;
 30, 67; Wilhelms, N., Sun, 67; Syll,
 MONTH MEMORANDA FOR MAY 27.
 50, notes 66 4.50; Moon, 9.28 p.m., 6.00 a.m.;
 1, 4.1 p.m.; Venus, 4.20 a.m., 3.97 p.m.;
 6.14 p.m.; Jupiter, 12.97 a.m., 1.7 p.m.;
 1, 12.0 a.m.
 5, Full Moon, 5.55.
 5, First Dominion, 10.27 a.m., 11.0 p.m. 4
 Dr. G. Rosenthal, Government Astronomer

